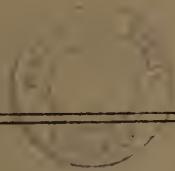
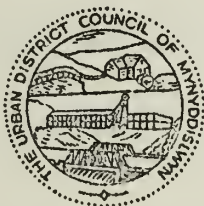


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Medical Officer of Health
and
Public Health Inspector

Year ended 31st. December, 1957.

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MYNYDDISLWYN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Area of District	-	5,415 acres.
Rateable Value at 31st March, 1957	-	£94,933.
Product of 1d. Rate 1956/57	-	£346 4s. 1d.
Population (Estimated Mid 1956)	-	15,300
Population (Estimated Mid 1957)	-	15,340
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population 1956	-	16.47
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population 1957	-	17.28
Live Births, 1956	-	252
Live Births, 1957	-	265
Number of Deaths, 1956	-	149
Death Rate per 1,000 of the Population, 1956	-	9.73
Number of Deaths, 1957	-	156
Death Rate per 1,000 of the Population, 1957	-	10.17
Infant Mortality Rate, 1956	-	35.7
Infant Mortality Rate, 1957	-	22.6



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MYNYDDISLWYN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

R E P O R T

Of the Medical Officer of Health to the Urban District Council of
Mynyddislwyn for the year ended December 31st, 1957.

To the Chairman and Members
of Mynyddislwyn Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Brown and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for
the year 1957.

Showing the Comparisons of the Vital Statistics
of Mynyddislwyn Urban District, the County of
Monmouthshire, and England and Wales

	The County of Monmouthshire	Mynyddislwyn Urban District	England and Wales
Live Birth Rate 1957	17.07	17.28	16.10
Live Birth Rate 1956	16.76	16.47	15.7
Still Birth Rate 1957	0.51	0.39	
Still Birth Rate 1956	0.51	0.84	
Death Rate 1957	11.96	10.17	11.5
Death Rate 1956	11.96	9.73	11.7
Infantile Mortality Rate 1957	30.98	22.6	23.0
Infantile Mortality Rate 1956	28.96	35.7	23.8

B I R T H S

The total number of births registered locally during 1957 as belonging to the district was 80, of which 36 were males and 44 were females.

The number of births registered outside the District was 185, (males 94 and females 91).

The Registrar General's return of births is 265. Of this number 130 were males and 135 females.

The number of legitimate births was 128 males and 131 females.

The total number of illegitimate births from the Registrar General's return is 6 (2 males and 4 females).

The number of births during the year 1957 is 13 more than was recorded for 1956.

The Infant Mortality Rate is 22.6

T A B L E I.

Causes of Death ALL CAUSES	Male 89	Female 67
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	---
Tuberculosis, other	---	---
Syphilitic disease	---	1
Diphtheria	---	---
Whooping cough	---	---
Meningococcal infections	---	---
Acute poliomyelitis	---	---
Measles	---	---
Other infective and parasitic diseases	---	---
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	---
Malignant neoplasm, breast	---	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5	5
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	---	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	7
Leukæmia, aleukæmia	---	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	9
Coronary disease, angina	14	6
Hypertension with heart disease	1	3
Other heart disease	12	15
Other circulatory disease	2	2
Influenza	---	---
Pneumonia	---	1
Bronchitis	13	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	6	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	---
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	---	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	4	---
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	---	---
Congenital malformations	---	---
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	6
Motor vehicle accidents	1	---
All other accidents	2	2
Suicide	1	---
Homicide and operations of war	---	---
Diabetes	1	1
Deaths in infants under one year of age	4	2
Legitimate	4	2
Illegitimate	---	---
Total Births	130	135
Legitimate	128	131
Illegitimate	2	4
Still Births	4	2
Legitimate	4	2
Illegitimate	---	---

T A B L E 11

Showing the number of births registered in the Mynyddislwyn Urban Area during 1957, according to sex, month, quarter of occurrence, together with transferable births.

Month	Male	Female	Total	Quarterly Births
January	4	1	5	18
February	1	4	5	
March	-	8	8	
April	2	1	3	
May	3	4	7	20
June	4	6	10	
July	6	4	10	
August	2	4	6	
September	4	5	9	25
October	6	2	8	
November	2	4	6	
December	2	1	3	
Total	36	44	80	80
Inward Transferable Births	94	91	185	
Grand Total for 1957...	130	135	265	

T A B L E 111

Showing the infant deaths (i.e. deaths in infants under 1 year of age)
Occurring during 1957, by cause and in age groups

Cause of death	0 to 4 weeks	4 weeks to 1 year
Measles	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Influenza	-	-
Cerebral Spinal Fever	-	-
Cancer (Malignant Disease)	-	-
Syphilis	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-
Bronchitis	-	-
Pneumonia (all forms)	-	-
Other respiratory diseases	-	-
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-
Congenital Malformations	-	-
Prematurity	3	-
Violence	-	-
Atelectasis	-	-
Erythroblastosis Foetalis or Incompatibility of parents' Blood Group	1	-
Other Causes	1	1
TOTAL	5	1

TABLE IV

Analysis of Infectious Diseases in this District during 1957 showing Age/Sex distribution of the cases of Infectious Diseases notified in the District in 1957, also showing Admission of same to Hospital.

Type of Disease		Under 1 Year		1 Year		2 Years		3 Years		4 Years		5 - 7 Years		8 - 10 Years		11 - 13 Years		14 - 18 Years		19 - 25 Years		26 - 35 Years		36 - 45 Years		All ages		Totals		Cases admitted to Hospital	
Scarlet Fever	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Gastro Enteritis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Measles	1	2	4	1	4	6	3	3	6	4	16	8	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	30	64	-	-	

T A B L E V.

Showing monthly notifications of Tuberculosis (all forms) for the Year 1957

Month	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
January	1	-	-	1	2
February	-	-	-	-	-
March	1	1	-	-	2
April	4	2	-	-	6
May	2	-	-	-	2
June	2	-	-	-	2
July	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	-
September	2	1	-	-	3
October	1	-	-	-	1
November	-	-	1	-	1
December	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	13	4	1	1	19

T A B L E VI

	Yearly Notification of Tuberculosis				Total Yearly Cases of Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Deaths from Tuberculosis				Total Yearly Deaths from Tuberculosis	
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary			
	Males	Females	Males	Females		Males	Females	Males	Females		
	Males	Females	Males	Females		Males	Females	Males	Females		
Year											
1948	11	11	2	2	26	2	1	1	-	4	
1949	13	3	2	-	18	1	3	-	-	4	
1950	4	8	1	-	13	5	1	-	-	6	
1951	10	11	-	1	22	4	2	-	-	6	
1952	7	9	1	-	17	5	-	-	1	6	
1953	3	12	1	3	19	-	-	5	-	5	
1954	17	4	1	1	23	5	-	-	-	5	
1955	5	5	-	1	11	-	-	3	-	3	
1956	9	7	1	1	18	-	-	2	2	4	
1957	13	4	1	1	19	-	-	1	-	1	

1. Number of Persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) during period						
Age at date of vaccination	Under 1	1	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Total
Number vaccinated	43	34	3	2	4	86
Number re-vaccinated	-	-	-	-	8	8
2. <u>Number of Cases specially reported during period (age groups as above)</u>						
(a) Generalised Vaccinia	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Post-Vaccinal Encephalomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Death from complications of vaccination other than (a) or (b)	-	-	-	-	-	-

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Number of children in the Local Health Authority's area on 31st December, 1957, who have completed a course of diphtheria immunisation at any time between 1st January, 1943, and 31st December, 1957.

Age on 31.12.57. (i.e. born in year)	Under 1 1957.	1 - 4 1953 - 1956	5 - 9 1946 - 1952	10 - 14 1943 - 1957	Under 15 Total
A. Number of children whose last course (Primary or booster) was completed in the period 1953-1957.	28	883	1302	912	3125
B. Number of children whose last course (Primary or booster) was completed in the period 1952 or earlier.	-	-	360	1052	1412

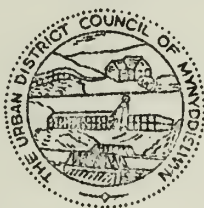
In conclusion I wish to thank the Public Health Inspector and officers of all departments of the Council for their willing co-operation during the year.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Brown and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

H. V. M. Jones

Medical Officer of Health

Mynyddislwyn Urban District Council



COUNCIL OFFICES,
PONTLLANFRAITH,
BLACKWOOD, MON.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S

R E P O R T

for the year

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Mynyddislwyn Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Brown and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my ANNUAL REPORT for the
year ended 31st December, 1957.

F C O D S

Milk Supply

There are 14 retailers who sell milk from dairies situated in this area, and 6 retailers whose premises are outside.

Licences issued under the Milk (Special Designations) Pastuerised and Sterilised Milk Regulations 1949, and Milk (Special Designations) Raw Milk Regulations 1949 are as follows:

Dealers licensed to sell Pasteurised milk	-	18
Dealers licensed to sell Tuberculin Tested milk	-	19
Dealers licensed to sell Sterilised milk	-	16
Supplementary licences to retailers outside the area to sell designated milk in the area	-	6

Nine samples of designated milk were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination, all of which were found to be satisfactory.

The number of inspections of Dairy Premises - 46

ICE CREAM

Ice-cream is a much safer food than it was in pre-war days. Most of it is produced in ideal conditions in factories in which there is maintained a very high standard of hygiene. It is delivered to the shops in cartons, and stored at the correct temperature in refrigerators until it is sold to the consumer. Much of it is prepacked, and this of course reduces the risk of contamination to a minimum.

Nine samples of ice-cream were taken during the year and submitted for bacteriological examination, all of which were found to be satisfactory.

There are 30 retailers of ice-cream on the Register.

Number of premises registered during 1957	-	Nil
Number of premises registered	-	30
Number of registered persons producing	-	2
Number of inspections of premises and vehicles	-	51

FOOD INSPECTION

The following items show the variety of food stuffs condemned during the year 1957.

Cheese	10 lbs.
Corned Beef	14 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.
Ham	39 lbs.
Other Meats	212 lbs.
Bacon	22 lbs.

TINNED GOODS

Pork Luncheon Meat	7 tins.
Salmon	1 tin.
Tomatoes	7 tins.
Peaches	3 tins.
Other Fruit	4 tins.
Quaker Oats	4 packets.

FOOD PREMISES

I am pleased to report that the improvement noted last year in the general standard of hygiene in food premises has been continued. Criticism of the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955, have been made by members of my profession, on the grounds that the regulations are not stringent enough, but such is not my opinion.

Measures contained in the Regulations are reasonable, and have common sense. This fact is appreciated by food traders, and makes for good co-operation between them and the authorities.

During my inspection of food premises, I noted several instances of contravention by cigarette smoking by shop assistants, whilst they were engaged in their work. In each case, after a warning was given, no repetition of the offence was observed, but I think that this pernicious practice needs careful watching.

In connection with the inspection of food premises, the following is a summary of the visits made throughout the year.

Type of Premises	No. of visits made
Butchers' Shops	139
Greengrocer Shops	123
Fishmongers Shops	14
Premises registered for preparation of food	39
Other premises where food is stored/and/or sold	175
Premises registered for the sale of ice-cream	40

MEAT INSPECTION

There is at present no slaughterhouse in the area. Nearly all the meat obtained in the area is purchased from slaughterhouses in Maesycwmmwr, Newport and Abergavenny, and all these premises are maintained by an adequate inspection staff.

The following is a summary of the animals killed and the amount of meat condemned in the Maesycwmmwr Slaughterhouse.

Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
2565	329	19572	7191

The total weight of meat and offal condemned was approximately 19 tons.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT - Sampling

My acknowledgment is due to Mr. A. W. Prosser, Chief Weights and Measures Inspector for the County, in supplying me with the following information of samples of food and drink taken for examination under the Foods and Drugs Act in this area.

During the year 1957, 48 samples were taken, consisting of:

28 Milk: 17 Other Food: 2 Ice-cream: 1 Beer.

I am happy to say that the Public Analyst certified all the samples to be in accordance with the various Standards required.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND STATISTICS ON THE COUNCIL'S SWIMMING BATHS AT PONTLLANFRAITH

The figures of attendances at the Pontllanfraith Swimming Baths are a good indication of what the weather was like during the summer months.

Adult attendances for 1957 were nearly double those of 1956, but unfortunately bathing for juveniles received a severe setback. Because of the prevalence of Polio in neighbouring areas, it was considered wise to exclude bathers of school age for much of July and August.

	Year <u>1955</u>	Year <u>1956</u>	Year <u>1957</u>
Bathers (adults)	12,104	3,687	7,063
Bathers (Juveniles)	29,336	16,009	18,749
Spectators (adults)	4,895	1,415	2,190
Spectators (Juveniles)	3,235	998	1,595

The figure for juvenile bathers include 5,597 attendances of children in supervised school parties, who receive swimming instruction.

H O U S I N G

THE FOLLOWING TABLE INDICATES THE PROGRESS OF BUILDING IN THIS AREA BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY, AND BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

	Temporary Pre-Fabs.	Traditional (including requisitioned property)	T o t a l
Number of dwellings owned by Local Authority on 31st December, 1957. (including flats)	99	1185	1284
Number of houses in course of erection on 31st December, 1957.	-	20	20
Number of houses for which sanction had been given, but which had not been commenced on 31st December, 1957.	-	-	-
Number of dwellings completed during the year			
(a) By Local Authority	-	40	40
(b) By Private Enterprise	-	18	18
T o t a l	-	58	58

H O U S I N G 1 9 5 7

Number of new houses erected during the year 58

1. Remedy of defects during the year without service
of formal notices:

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered
fit in consequence of informal action by the
Local Authority or their officers..... 179

2. Action under Statutory Powers during the year
Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of
the Housing Act, 1936

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which
notices were served requiring repairs..... -

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered
fit after service of formal notices:

(a) by owners..... -

(b) by Local Authority in default of owners..... -

Proceedings under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936:

1. Number of houses demolished in pursuance of
Demolition Orders..... 7

2. Number of houses closed in pursuance of Closing
Orders made under Section 10 Local Government
(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953..... 3

Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which
notices were served requiring defects to be
remedied..... 4

2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were
remedied after of service of formal notices:

(a) by owners..... 4

(b) by Local Authority in default of owners..... -

R E N T A C T, 1 9 5 7

I awaited the advent of the Rent Act, 1957, with some little apprehension because no indication could be given beforehand of how much work would be involved in its administration as it affects the Local Authority.

It was prophesied in some quarters that it would engage Public Health Inspectors in heavy additional duties. Actually, I would say that the number of applications to this Council for Certificates of Disrepair has been moderate. This is just as well from my angle, because each application does cause considerable work in administrative and inspection duties.

The number of applications for 'G' Forms up to the end of the year was 33.

4 undertakings were accepted from owners, and in the remainder of the cases, Certificates of Disrepair were granted.

F A C T O R Y A C T, 1937

Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	Number on the Register	Number of		Occupier Prosecuted
		Inspections	Written Notices	
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 enforced by Local Authority	33	51	-	-
2. Factories not included in 1. to which Section 7 applies	6	6	-	-
3. Other premises under the Act (excluding out- workers premises)	-	-	-	-
T o t a l	39	57	-	-

DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Number of Defects		
			Referred by H.M. Inspector	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Number of Prosecutions
Want of cleanliness (S. 1)	7	7	-	-	-
Want of ventilation (S. 4)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S. 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Want of drainage to floors (S. 6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Accommodation (Insufficient Unsuitable or defective (Not separate for sexes	1	-	1	-	-
	2	2	1	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
T o t a l	10	9	2	-	-

RODENT CONTROL
REPORT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1958

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non-Agricultural				Agricultural
	Local Authority 1.	Dwelling Houses (including Council Houses) 2.	All other (including business premises) 3.	Total of Cols. 1, 2 & 3	
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District	5	4245	171	4416	63
2. Number of properties inspected as a result of:					
(a) Notification	-	131	39	170	--
(b) Survey under the Act	5	211	41	252	10
(c) Otherwise (e.g., when visited primarily for some other purpose)	-	7	97	106	2
3. Number of properties inspected (in Sect. II) which were found to be infested by:					
Rats (Major	-	-	-	-	-
(Minor	5	143	51	194	2
Mice (Major	-	-	-	-	-
(Minor	1	12	-	-	-
4. Number of infested properties (in Sect. III) treated by the L.A.	6	155	49	204	-
5. Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act:					
(a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Structural Work (i.e. roofing)	-	-	-	-	-
6. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sect 4 of the Act.	-	-	-	-	-
7. Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
8. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out.	-	-	-	-	-

In conclusion, I wish to thank officers of all departments of the Council for their willing co-operation during the year.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Brown and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

J. LLOYD JONES

Public Health Inspector
and Shops Inspector.

